

Jack Jackson

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Jack Jackson grew up in Jackson and worked in his father's business, Modern Paint and Supply.

Throughout high school, he had average grades and no real desire to go to college. After becoming involved in student government, he attended meetings across the state and met then Gov. G. Mennen Williams. Gov. Williams suggested he consider college, and Jackson applied to Michigan State University. MSU encouraged him to first attend community college to increase his GPA. He enrolled at Jackson Junior College for a year and successfully transferred to MSU the next year.



JJC offered him new perspectives on life, contact with new ideas and reinforced many of the values and principles acquired from his parents.

Many JJC faculty and administration positively influenced Jackson, including O.L. Luce, who taught business law.

Jackson earned his associate degree and Bachelor of Business Administration degree from MSU and earned a Real Estate Law Certificate from the University of Michigan.

He served in the Michigan National Guard from 1954-'60, and the U.S. Army Reserves from 1960-'62.

He began his career with MSU as an administrative officer with the University of Nigeria program, then assistant to the dean of the College of Business.

He later worked as a contract administrator and security officer at the Sparton Corporation, then as a marketing coordinator and contract administrator at Commonwealth Associates, Inc.

In 1972 he and his wife Delores started the Horton House, an interior design studio, which they co-owned for 39 years.

After playing an integral role in developing support on the Fund-Raising Committee for the construction of the George E. Potter Performing Arts Center, he dedicated 40 years alongside his wife, to serving as a host greeter for shows and events following its completion.

He served in the Summit Township Board of Review for many years.

Active in numerous clubs, he was also a proud member of the American Legion.

Jack and Dee have two sons, Jeffrey Jackson, and John Jackson and they have five grandchildren.

Sadly, Jack passed away in 2023, but we continue to treasure his service to Jackson College and the last impact he has made.